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**PRODUCTION**

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-87—																
October		38.3	10,613	10,633	45,784	44,609	562	559	534	491	29.6	25.9	210	164	November 15	14,231
November		37.0	10,104	10,771	39,497	42,465	548	581	516	493	29.4	27.7	185	161	December 13	15,756
December	24,653	32.2	10,346	10,973	38,245	44,372	567	558	479	500	24.0	27.2	169	174	January 10	3,227
January		34.3	10,261	11,040	36,703	45,533	542	541	347	506	6.9	21.2	89	186	February 7	12,812
February		34.1	9,971	11,118	36,042	42,694	473	532	482	493	27.7	29.3	177	180	March 7	15,386
March	24,525	43.3	10,795	10,999	40,745	43,251	531	519	504	489	27.6	25.4	199	194	April 4	16,368
April		34.4	10,407	11,077	41,619	44,933	462	501	487	499	26.0	29.2	158	182	May 2	12,930
May		37.7	11,455	11,083	46,777	43,432	479	470	496	474	31.2	28.6	173	200	May 30	15,548
June	24,608	37.2	11,812	10,973	48,908	43,015	533	506	468	463	27.2	25.5	198	207	June 27	15,783
1987-88—																
July		46.3	12,566	10,749	56,709	46,033	552	512	500	466	33.1	26.9	193	170	July 25	14,470
August		47.2	12,075	11,081	52,306	46,105	547	532	479	464	30.3	26.7	187	176	August 22	14,263
September	26,670	40.4	11,228	11,183	49,379	45,606	562	557	502	479	31.2	27.8	209	172	September 19	10,673
October		49.4	11,346	11,437	45,474	44,642	524	519	551	502	31.5	28.4	225	185	October 17	15,442
November		n.y.a.	10,868	11,550	39,857	42,894	479	499	517	499	39.7	28.4	201	174	November 14	n.y.a.
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	10,976	11,637	37,937	43,916	441	442	522	538	27.2	29.9	188	186	December 12	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

**PRODUCTION—continued**

**STOCKS(d)**

Month	Cotton woven cloth (Incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (Incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—															
October	3,795	3,398	1,211	997	16,446	13,947	453.3	218	196	765	490	123,246	76.8		
November	3,025	3,013	938	808	14,897	14,137	456.6	195	199	730	492	100,195	76.0		
December	2,389	3,232	715	894	12,087	14,348	458.7	191	207	680	504	66,007	74.4	43,663	43,781
January	849	2,717	531	871	3,647	11,466	460.8	179	202	619	527	42,461	67.2		
February	3,374	3,523	871	790	17,098	16,738	463.9	192	201	473	535	47,320	74.2		
March	3,270	3,020	984	889	15,366	14,047	466.0	209	201	442	564	54,475	76.9	44,688	44,593
April	3,866	4,130	1,069	1,069	14,368	15,150	468.4	204	202	367	570	45,255	77.5		
May	3,695	3,025	923	911	15,356	14,747	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,986	74.8		
June	3,341	3,013	915	978	16,334	14,239	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,278	79.7	44,629	44,787
1987-88—															
July	4,419	3,635	921	863	15,826	13,788	474.1	209	194	349	505	61,931	81.9		
August	3,739	3,344	913	973	16,509	15,457	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,614	82.0		
September	3,628	3,264	1,107	1,054	14,659	13,414	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,623	80.5	46,115	45,938
October	4,061	3,588	1,008	884	14,491	12,488	483.0	234	222	797	511	121,990	78.2		
November	3,419	3,500	994	871	14,178	13,267	n.y.a.	214	216	752	507	108,511	78.7		
December	2,567	3,384	806	984	13,369	15,862	n.y.a.	198	209	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

## FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1986-87—									
October	2,980	3,334			245		-876	-1,702	13,316
November	2,985	2,603			244		-203	-769	15,146
December	3,315	3,237	6,629	5,353	243	160.3	131	-439	15,361
January	2,833	3,099			244		-499	-1,313	13,846
February	2,878	3,018			243		-67	-787	12,604
March	3,029	3,058	6,454	5,220	242	161.1	-152	-861	13,866
April	2,919	2,897			240		-275	-1,100	16,867
May	3,150	2,907			243		-93	-852	16,787
June	3,375	3,270	6,568	5,222	243	158.3	-91	-785	17,594
1987-88—									
July	2,931	3,481			245		-783	-1,320	18,512
August	3,159	2,968			247		-125	-712	19,315
September	3,082	3,396	6,341	5,223	247	p158.2	-704	-1,293	19,357
October	3,321	3,300			252		-319	-1,234	19,858
November	3,357	n.y.a.			p261		-290	-831	17,607
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	70	-658	17,431

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—											
October	4,752	4,666	4,667			1,522	1,479	511	534	32.4	31.8
November	4,724	4,664	4,685			1,482	1,485	541	538	28.7	30.5
December	6,430	4,706	4,706	9,454	8,390	1,723	1,496	1,059	541	31.5	30.5
January	4,586	4,732	4,725			1,528	1,510	473	540	27.6	32.6
February	4,214	4,738	4,744			1,427	1,524	391	540	28.2	31.5
March	4,515	4,751	4,768	7,781	8,287	1,501	1,535	463	541	32.0	29.7
April	4,515	4,855	4,780			1,530	1,541	519	545	26.2	27.8
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.4
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,544	520	554	32.6	30.6
1987-88—											
July	4,912	5,029	4,933			1,544	1,545	557	558	32.6	30.1
August	4,676	4,970	4,975			1,514	1,550	463	559	29.1	27.9
September	4,833	5,009	5,010	8,242	8,603	1,515	1,556	520	560	34.0	33.1
October	5,123	5,025	5,037			1,611	1,563	545	560	31.8	32.3
November	5,090	5,050	5,061			1,564	1,570	576	561	29.0	30.7
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p37.0	p35.6

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time persons (3)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1986-87—														
October				221.9										
November	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.9	1.29									
December				221.9		161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
January				222.0										
February	445.30	291.10	429.90	222.0	1.19									
March				228.9		164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8
April				228.9										
May	451.70	299.00	436.50	228.9	1.23									
June				228.9		167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0
1987-88—														
July				228.9										
August	458.10	302.30	446.00	229.1	1.22									
September				229.3		170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7
October				229.3										
November	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.46	172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5
December				n.y.a.										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes(a)														
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m			
												Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87—															
October	1,421.9	1,343.1	10.8	10.0	210.8					105.1	178.8				
November	1,376.9	1,350.6	10.1	10.0	367.6					103.3	179.4				
December	1,404.1	1,394.8	9.9	10.2	291.3	4,074.4	4,040.8	30.3	29.8	105.5	179.9	1,953	1,702	4,068	3,858
January	1,124.5	1,446.8	7.8	9.9	238.0					105.8	180.7				
February	1,154.0	1,351.7	9.2	10.0	194.7					106.4	182.1				
March	1,512.6	1,418.6	10.3	9.8	274.7	4,085.4	4,505.3	27.0	29.4	107.1	183.6	1,540	1,796	3,076	3,558
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.9	4,253.7	27.7	27.1	108.4	186.9	1,799	1,802	3,934	3,631
1987-88—															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					p108.9	p187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					p109.8	p188.9				
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,810.9	4,621.4	31.0	30.0	p110.2	p189.8	1,948	1,948	3,460	3,504
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					p110.8	p191.7				
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
December	1,698.3	1,686.6	11.8	11.9	234.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (h)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	\$m	\$m		
1986-87—											
October	44,122	44,061	44,293	44,452	43,256	42,942	914	193	73	14.30	4,990
November	44,395	44,559	43,653	44,260	42,776	42,867	816	164	67	14.25	6,293
December	45,681	45,222	44,511	44,204	43,555	43,422	900	153	66	14.05	5,481
January	45,669	45,737	45,098	45,051	43,917	44,175	679	133	57	14.70	5,847
February	45,914	45,738	45,240	44,827	43,637	44,278	871	167	69	15.05	5,943
March	47,671	47,942	46,595	45,905	44,404	44,561	907	162	76	14.10	7,064
April	48,953	49,724	46,701	45,866	45,571	44,758	931	167	75	13.85	10,748
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	45,692	45,326	844	169	73	13.25	7,400
June	52,480	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,372	45,478	859	192	69	13.00	7,687
1987-88—											
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	45,601	45,371	1,004	191	76	12.85	5,929
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,217	45,429	908	217	67	12.60	6,877
September	55,015	54,821	45,865	46,271	45,953	46,343	1,220	258	76	11.80	5,199
October	55,334	55,291	46,926	47,148	46,905	46,583	1,155	326	80	13.00	n.y.a.
November	55,969	56,152	47,567	48,224	47,003	47,112	1,162	294	75	12.35	n.y.a.
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	47,889	47,439	48,316	48,174	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11.45	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(£ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>AT CURRENT PRICES</b>														
1985-86— June	59,278	61,605	1,195	2,236	58,083	59,369	36,242	36,724	12,330	11,674	9,983	9,580	5,385	4,338
1986-87— September	62,715	62,845	1,830	2,294	60,885	60,551	37,662	37,828	11,619	12,010	9,996	10,033	4,361	4,878
December	70,506	65,325	4,158	2,471	66,348	62,854	40,814	38,655	12,421	12,015	11,244	10,562	4,798	4,757
March	64,012	67,129	2,093	2,560	61,919	64,569	38,025	39,482	11,579	12,273	9,402	10,485	3,996	4,692
June	67,655	70,055	1,653	2,623	66,002	67,432	39,798	40,379	13,474	12,755	11,099	10,666	5,902	4,794
1987-88— September	72,261	71,588	2,557	2,785	69,704	68,803	41,690	41,938	12,478	12,887	11,151	11,193	4,314	4,818
<b>AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES</b>														
1985-86— June	34,838	36,275	1,408	2,136	33,430	34,139	21,121	21,381	7,210	6,809	5,639	5,400	2,989	2,409
1986-87— September	36,040	36,368	1,622	2,103	34,418	34,265	21,296	21,413	6,480	6,726	5,471	5,494	2,329	2,607
December	40,857	37,122	3,779	2,224	37,078	34,898	22,572	21,317	6,923	6,663	5,983	5,629	2,515	2,491
March	35,463	37,497	1,861	2,238	33,602	35,259	20,456	21,304	6,342	6,752	4,902	5,458	2,090	2,453
June	36,598	38,058	1,470	2,198	35,128	35,860	21,131	21,429	7,370	6,958	5,712	5,480	3,034	2,466
1987-88— September	38,286	38,250	1,769	2,139	36,517	36,111	21,691	21,837	6,609	6,855	5,614	5,641	2,182	2,436

**AT CURRENT PRICES—continued**

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1985-86— June	10,984	11,049	9,126	8,965	31,304	31,093	7,404	7,877	13,802	15,928	31,309	51,585	14,102	37,483
1986-87— September	12,264	11,546	9,735	9,704	31,722	32,078	8,074	7,787	16,109	15,958	31,734	51,226	8,970	42,256
December	12,042	12,105	11,904	11,503	34,171	32,496	8,923	8,959	19,072	16,270	34,160	57,890	8,950	48,940
March	11,298	11,905	10,580	11,000	31,266	32,872	8,370	9,074	16,224	17,407	31,251	51,155	10,711	40,444
June	11,684	11,755	11,255	11,604	34,246	33,995	8,972	9,564	16,241	18,513	34,241	56,771	15,762	41,009
1987-88— September	12,611	11,880	10,999	10,993	34,810	34,748	9,972	9,631	19,334	18,716	34,810	57,075	9,601	47,474

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)		Participation rate(b) (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)					
1986—													
October	5,661.9	5,667.5	7,000.3	6,984.0	485.9	529.1	590.1	639.3	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.1	51.9
November	5,647.6	5,648.4	7,006.9	6,966.4	489.1	531.8	583.3	636.7	7.7	8.4	61.7	61.8	
December	5,724.0	5,653.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,658.6	6,878.3	7,020.4	575.0	529.3	671.4	638.3	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0	62.7
February	5,681.0	5,671.4	6,998.2	7,041.4	581.1	518.9	699.6	631.9	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0	
March	5,706.2	5,681.7	7,109.1	7,060.2	562.4	533.5	702.5	650.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2	
April	5,687.5	5,708.3	7,087.7	7,084.6	530.8	529.5	652.1	640.8	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2	53.8
May	5,680.2	5,695.4	7,084.0	7,077.6	530.6	533.7	635.0	634.0	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	
June	5,690.8	5,717.0	7,111.2	7,116.6	506.2	518.5	603.6	618.7	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,764.8	7,157.8	7,143.5	510.9	535.9	610.2	644.5	7.9	8.3	62.2	62.4	56.2
August	5,656.3	5,713.6	7,073.2	7,131.4	495.4	508.6	601.9	629.5	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1	
September	5,734.4	5,710.1	7,165.8	7,122.3	489.6	496.2	598.2	596.3	7.7	7.7	62.0	61.6	
October	5,751.0	5,756.4	7,156.1	7,138.8	475.6	517.8	585.2	634.7	7.6	8.2	61.7	62.0	52.2
November	5,705.6	5,704.7	7,159.9	7,114.7	469.6	510.7	566.5	618.5	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.5	
December	5,872.2	5,800.2	7,307.9	7,228.9	506.7	500.7	619.6	609.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.3	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Estimates prior to April 1986 are based on the old definition. See paragraphs 37 and 38 on the Explanatory Notes of The Labour Force, Australia, January 1987 (6203.0). (c) Revised following annual reanalysis. (d) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)**  
( '000 persons)

Month	Australia													Total Govt. and Private
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Government				
										Common- wealth	State(b)	Local	Total	
1986—														
July	1,940.4	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,928.3	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,930.3	1,567.5	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	155.3	1,725.5	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,871.3	440.2	1,084.0	152.0	1,676.2	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,946.6	441.0	1,117.4	154.8	1,713.2	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,941.2	442.4	1,140.9	155.1	1,738.4	5,679.6
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,978.1	441.7	1,147.5	153.6	1,742.8	5,720.9
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,002.7	442.1	1,156.3	155.3	1,753.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,988.6	442.5	1,162.2	156.6	1,761.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,789.8	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,744.7	5,779.4
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	157.0	1,748.3	5,788.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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